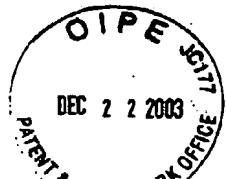


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SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 14, 2003, and in further response to the Final Rejection dated August 8, 2003, the period for response having been extended to January 8, 2003, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 4 of this paper.